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SUBJECT: Elijah Muhammad  
FILE: 105-24822 section 7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: March 26, 1962

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel dated 3/15/62 and Chicago teletype dated 3/19/62.

Referenced airtel referred to proposed physical check-up by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at Provident Hospital, Chicago. On March 19, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MUHAMMAD did not plan to keep a scheduled appointment for a check-up at Provident Hospital on March 22, 1962, but contemplated returning to Phoenix instead. No additional information is available in this regard. The Bureau and Phoenix will be advised of any additional pertinent information in this regard in the event it becomes available.

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Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-24822)

March 27, 1962

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ELIJAH POOLE, aka.  
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☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		NOT RECORDED
Residence Address		12 MAR 30 1962
Add: Temporary residence, 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona		

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>APR 6 1962</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/28 - 3/27/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>pbh</b>
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE <b>11/3/83</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - NOI</b> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b> <b>DATE 8/25/82 BY SP-6 elw/abn</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/6/61 at Chicago  
Phoenix letter to Chicago dated 3/5/62.

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**CHICAGO**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.** Will follow and report the activities of **ELIJAH MUHAMMAD**.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are being disseminated to G-2, ONI, and OSI locally in fulfilling responsibility under the Delimitation Agreement.

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One copy of this report is being furnished Phoenix, in view of MUHAMMAD's maintaining a winter residence in that city. b2

During October, 1961, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and [REDACTED], which indicates possible extramarital activities on the part of MUHAMMAD and JUNE, who is a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI). b7C

[REDACTED] and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD made arrangements to meet each other in a manner whereby no one would know about it. MUHAMMAD indicated he did not want anyone to find out about "us". This information was furnished on October 7, 1961.

On October 11, 1961, [REDACTED] was asked by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD what she did with the \$2500 he had given her to buy furniture, as the furniture she had bought could not have cost over \$1000. MUHAMMAD accused [REDACTED] of giving it to someone else. [REDACTED] then accused ELIJAH of "playing around with her again".

On October 9, 1961, [REDACTED] provided the following information concerning possible extramarital activities between ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and [REDACTED], a member of the NOI: b2 b7C

ELIJAH told [REDACTED] he would like to have "Honey and Sweet" come to stay with him for two or three months or years. ELIJAH stated he needed someone to entertain him and take off some of the burden. MUHAMMAD stated he played with one (probably one of his babies) the other day in his car and he had laughed till he almost cried. [REDACTED] suggested he get them all together sometime, and added he would have a crazy time. MUHAMMAD stated he wished someone would be willing to be a nurse to them all, and added he would then go out and get a big house for them. [REDACTED] stated that would be quite a job for someone, and added that she did not think they would give up theirs for that. MUHAMMAD stated he

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thought most of them would if they could visit with them, and added it would be better for each one. MUHAMMAD stated he thought it would be good to have them all reared by one person; however, [REDACTED] remarked that she did not think the others would cooperate. [REDACTED] remarked that when it came down to brass tacks, the others would not go along with the idea. ELIJAH said that if they were all together, they would come to think of the one taking care of them as their mother. ELIJAH then asked [REDACTED] if she would like that kind of a setup, and if she would like to live on the West Coast. [REDACTED] replied she would like the setup. b7C

The above information cannot be verified without the cooperation of the individuals involved, and contact with them could jeopardize a highly confidential Bureau investigative technique. It is believed the possibility of any of the above individuals cooperating is remote.

The following additional information pertaining to MUHAMMAD's possible extramarital activities is furnished: b2

On January 30 and 31, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in late January, 1962, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD [REDACTED] b7C

Thumbnail sketches of Muhammad's Temple of Islam (MTI) Number 21, Jersey City, New Jersey, and MTI Number 1, Detroit, Michigan, were not incorporated in this report, as [REDACTED] b2 b7D

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2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) data reported from \_\_\_\_\_ could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Subject was not interviewed because (state reason) he is the National Leader of the NOI. There is absolutely no reason to believe he would cooperate if interviewed and any interview with him could conceivably result in adverse publicity, especially in view of his newspaper articles and radio broadcasts.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the National Leader of the NOI.
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- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.
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Copy to: 1 - G-2, Chicago (RM)  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 4-6-62

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 100-6989

Bureau File #: 105-24822

Title: ELIJAH POOLE

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ON 8/12/82

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

Synopsis: ELIJAH POOLE, also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, is National Leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), which maintains National Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, and maintains a private apartment at 8205 South Vernon, both Chicago, Illinois. He also maintains a winter residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

[REDACTED] MUHAMMAD has stated that the white man, whom he refers to as the devil, has enslaved the black man in America by exploitation. He has also stated that the white man is the enemy of the black man, and that Allah has stated that America will be destroyed. MUHAMMAD calls for unity, independence and land for the black race, which he states can only be achieved in Islam. He writes a column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", which appears weekly in "The New Crusader" and the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch". That column also appears in the NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks". MUHAMMAD's messages are broadcast regularly on various radio stations throughout the United States and Canada.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations, mentioned in this report, which have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the Appendix Section of this report:

Fruit of Islam (FOI)  
Muslim Girls Training (MGT)  
Nation of Islam (NOI)

I. BACKGROUND

Residence  
and Employment

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, as of March, 1962, maintained a private apartment and office at Apartment 1, first floor, 8205 South Vernon Avenue.

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On February 14, 1962, [REDACTED] b7C b7D  
Phoenix, Arizona, advised SA [REDACTED] that ELIJAH  
MUHAMMAD, as of January 31, 1962, listed his residence as 2118  
East Violet Drive, Phoenix.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, as of February, 1962, resided at 2118  
East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.  
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b7D [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on March 2, 1962, [REDACTED] no information regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised Investigative Clerk (IC) [REDACTED] on March 21, 1962, [REDACTED] no current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

#### Criminal Record

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b7D Identification Officers [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, and [REDACTED] of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix, advised SA [REDACTED] on March 2, 1962, that records of the Phoenix Police Department and Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff's Office contained no arrest record regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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b7D Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reviewed on March 8, 1962, by IC [REDACTED] reflected no current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

#### Health

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The November 10, 1961, edition of the "Arizona Republic", a Phoenix, Arizona newspaper, set forth results of an interview between JACK KARRIE, a reporter of that paper, and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, at his residence in Phoenix. MUHAMMAD stated at that time that he had moved to Arizona because of the dry climate in an attempt to relieve his suffering from bronchitis.

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During late November, 1961, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated that he had been informed by his medical advisor that he was suffering from chronic bronchitis.

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD planned on entering the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, for a physical checkup sometime during the week of March 12, 1962. **b2**

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD cancelled an appointment to be admitted to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, on March 15, 1962, and now plans to enter Provident Hospital, Chicago, for his physical checkup. If a specialist is needed, he will be called in.

[REDACTED]

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD decided not to go through with an appointment at the Provident Hospital, Chicago, for a physical checkup. He decided instead to return to his winter residence in Phoenix, Arizona.

[REDACTED]

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD remarked during January, 1962, that he was not well and had no appetite. He added that he needed a lot of rest and sunshine to get over his bronchitis.

[REDACTED]

MUHAMMAD stated on March 10, 1962, that he was attempting to get himself signed into a hospital for a good checkup, as he had no appetite and had not been gaining weight.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH  
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The December, 1961 issue of "Muhammad Speaks" states therein that it is a monthly newspaper dedicated to freedom, justice and equality for the so-called Negro. Its address is listed as 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

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The December, 1961 issue of "Muhammad Speaks" contains an item on page 1 captioned "What is Un-American?" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. Pertinent parts of that item are set forth as follows:

"The California State Senate Fact-Finding Sub-committee on Un-American Activities in their 11th report to the 1961 California Legislature charged 'The Negro Muslims' on pages 131 - 138 as being Un-American and operating a school for the indoctrination of young Negroes with race hatred."

The item stated that "You printed my 12 point program for my people on pages 132 and 133. Is there anything wrong with any of the words mentioned in it for my people. They are"1. Separate ourselves from the slave master. You had us segregated for 400 years and now say that we are free, is this being un-American to leave you or separate from you, a people who has enslaved and destroyed us as human beings? Have not you separated yourselves from us?



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"2. Is pooling our resources, education and qualifications for self-independence, as you and other nations have done and since you say we are free, what you call un-American?

"3. Should not we stop forcing ourselves, our presence on you, into places of yours, where you forbid us and are told that we are not wanted? Is this what you call un-American - keeping away from that of yours that you forbade us?

"4. Making our own neighborhoods a decent place to live and not seeking a place in your neighborhood just because yours look better and cleaner, making wherever we live a nice and clean place to live and a decent life among ourselves, if you and yours can do it, so can we! Is this what you call un-American?

"5. If we want to rid ourselves of the lust of wine and other intoxicating drinks and learn to love ourselves first BEFORE loving you or others, is this what you call un-American?

"6. Uniting and creating for ourselves? Have you given us anything in the way of your past and present treatment of us, that we can believe that it won't be 'hell' on 'hell'?

"7. Is this un-American for us to build our own homes and schools, hospitals and factories while we are suffering and being turned away from many of yours?

"8. Is it un-American for us to want to keep our blood pure from being mixed with yours, our enemies?

"9. Is this un-American for us to stop wasting our money in trying to buy your finest cars, clothes, shoes, before being able to live in a nice home?

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"10. Is this un-American for us to spend our money among ourselves, (what little we have to spend)?

**"On Our Own Economy System**

"11. Is this un-American for us to build up an economic system among ourselves?

"12. Is this un-American for us to protect our women, as you and other nations protect women? Is it un-American for us to try to set up a clean respectful security among ourselves as other nations? And should not we, as well as you, set officers over our society that will see to it that the rules and laws are obeyed?

"You know it is absolute false to accuse us of violence or preparing to do anything of the kind. Allah (God), forbids us to do such a thing. He is the One who will do our fighting for us against you, as Jehovah did for Moses and Israel. Only Allah is a little more angry with you for your evils done to us than Jehovah was with Pharaoh, as Jehovah only wanted to set a sign for you of what you may expect today, and Israel was not the real people of Allah.

**"Trying to Scare Us Away**

"Your evil and false accusations of me and my followers are only to frighten, all ready frightened so-called Negroes from coming to Allah, that they may inherit the earth. You frighten, especially the proud so-called Negroes whom you have made like yourself, thinking that they might be of some help to us. But Allah is sufficient as a Helper.

"You won't be able to help yourself pretty soon; let along helping you make poison-proud Negroes to help you against us.

"We want to be ourselves and we are going to have some of this earth that we can call our own, with the help of Allah, as He has promised us through the mouth of His prophets from -- Moses to Muhammad.

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"It is up to you to mistreat us, or treat us good. Do as you like, we will not follow you anymore.

#### "Poisoned Negro Preachers

"Today, the Americans hope to unite all educated so-called Negroes, along with their already poisoned Negro Christian preachers, against we the Muslims who preach freedom, justice and equality for the Black Nation.

"They are united against my followers and I. Thanks be to Allah, you are a little too late to win. Allah (God) knew the tricks you would use to try deceiving the Black Man before you were created.

"UN-AMERICAN: I wish to prove, according to the English language in the article, that every so-called Negro, Indian, and all non-white Europeans, are un-American according to the dictionary's definition of an American.

"An American, according to the dictionary, "is a citizen of the United States or of the earlier British Colonies; one not belonging to one of the aboriginal races. (We belong to the aboriginal nation of the earth; the white or European race is not aboriginal.

#### "Let's Negroes Out

"2. Native or inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere. The above explanation makes it clear that we are not members of the white Europeans, nor descendants of that race. We are the aboriginal un-Americans. The above explanation also makes it clear that we (so-called Negroes) are not, and cannot be American citizens since we are not American by nature, nor race.

"A true American is one other than the aboriginal race or races that inhabited the Western Hemisphere, or the whole planet Earth, before the coming of the white man from Europe.

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"We, the so-called Negroes, (members of the aboriginal Black Nation of the Earth, and of the tribe of Shabazz) were kidnapped from our native land and people by the white Englishman and Americans.

"We were brought here not to be made Americans, nor American citizens; but rather, to be slaves or servants for the true American citizens -- whites who originally came from Europe.

"We, descendants of the Asiatic nation from the continent of Africa, after 100 years of so-called freedom, cannot claim by the law of justice, to be American or American citizens. Nor can we expect anything like equal justice under the law of true American courts.

"Remember, if you are black, or a member of the Black Nation, you are un-American. If you want equal justice and a decent way of life to live, or have love for the black people, you are un-American. The American is the only one that can sing 'The Land of Freedom' -- it is for white Americans."

The column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in the following issues of "Muhammad Speaks":

October - November, 1961;  
December, 1961;  
January, 1962;  
February, 1962;  
March, 1962.

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The "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" is a self-described weekly newspaper published at 1431 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

"The New Crusader" is a weekly newspaper published at 4237 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

DAN BURLEY is listed therein as the Managing Editor of "The New Crusader". **122**

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, as of August, 1960, was paying DAN BURLEY for his efforts on behalf of the NOI which efforts were reflected in issues of "The New Crusader".

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During the period between September 7, 1961, and March 8, 1962, the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" on a weekly basis.

Typical examples of the items are as follows:

The September 7, 1961 edition of the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" contained an item captioned "A United Black Nation" under the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks". The article stated in substance that the American black man must unite and become self-independent. It said that there is no hope of a future for the black man if he depends on the white race as there is no future for the white race. The item called on the black man to stop worshipping the white man and instead worship the black man's true religion, which is Islam. The item stated that Islam means entire submission to the will of Allah.

The November 30, 1961 edition of the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" contained an item captioned "Americans Persecute the Muslims" under the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks". The article stated in substance that the Government

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of America treats the so-called Negro as if he was an enemy of the Government. The article stated that the so-called Negro has never been able to get along with his white race master and therefore the black man must return to his own people. The article continued that Allah had made the Muslims fearless and would soon put fear and trembling in the hearts of their enemies. The article continued that "America must pay for her evils done to us. There is no such thing as forgiveness! Allah said to me that he would repay her for all that she has and is doing against us".

The December 7, 1961 issue of the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" contained an item captioned "The Great Decisive Battle in the Sky Is Near", under the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks". The article stated in part as follows:

"The Division of Ezekiel's wheel is true if carefully understood. There is a similar wheel in the sky today which corresponds in a way with the spheres of the universe. The great wheel which many of us see in the sky today is not so much a wheel as one may think in such terms but rather a plane made like a wheel. The present wheel shaped plane known as the mother of planes is one half mile by one half mile and is the largest mechanical man made object in the sky. It is a small human planet made for the purpose to destroy the present world of the enemies of Allah. The plane is capable of staying in outer space six to twelve months at a time without coming into the earth's gravity. It carries 1500 bombing planes with a most deadly explosive, the type used in bringing up mountains on the earth. The very same method is to be used in the destruction of this world. The bombs are equipped with motors and the toughest of steel was used in making them. This steel drills and takes the bombs into the earth at a depth of one mile and is timed not to explode until it reaches one mile into the earth. This explosion produces a mountain one mile high. Not one bomb will fall into water. They will all fall on cities. As Ezekiel saw and heard in his vision of it, the plane is terrible. It is seen but do not think of trying

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to attack it. That would be suicide."

During the period between September 9, 1961, and March 10, 1962, the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in weekly issues of "The New Crusader". A typical example of these articles is contained in the March 3, 1962 issue of "The New Crusader". The column on that date stated in part as follows:

"It is time for the freedom of the so-called American Negroes. They are divinely destined to become the universal rulers of tomorrow. White Americans are well aware of the future of their slaves and hope to deceive and make the slave remain with them and receive the divinewrath of Allah. My people should be well schooled into all the tricks these devils are playing or intend to play on them."

"The Devils hope to deceive the lost - found people of the Asiatic, the tribe of Shabazz, (the American so-called Negroes). The truth should be told to prevent the devils from deceiving the black man, and it will if the black man will only listen to the truth."

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The March, 1962 issue of "Muhammad Speaks", page 14, carried a column captioned "Listen to Messenger Elijah Muhammad Every Week on These Radio Stations." Listed there-under by city, station, time and wavelength, were 167 radic stations in the United States and 2 in Canada.

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Other Information

During late August, 1961, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, in considering the matter of purchasing a building to be used as an NOI Temple in Newark, New Jersey, announced that a building could be purchased for \$26,000 and that MTI No. 2 would furnish the amount necessary for the purpose of that building.

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The November 10, 1961 edition of the "Arizona Republic", a Phoenix, Arizona newspaper, contained an item captioned "Islam Prophet Denies Hate Campaign". That item set forth the results of an interview between reporter, JACK KARIE of the "Arizona Republic" and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The article stated in part as follows:

"We are not men of violence, MUHAMMAD said. The white man has nothing to fear from our movement to establish a separate government for the black man. He stated his organization sought a separate nation with the United States for black men and women only."

The November 16, 1961 issue of the "Arizona Sun", a Phoenix, Arizona newspaper, contained an article concerning an interview ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The item reflected that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was asked "What of the future?" MUHAMMAD replied, according to the article "There is no future for white people but an unlimited future for the black man. They will build the next civilization. The next few years will see the complete breakup of the white man's rule over the people and the ascension of the black man."

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD remarked during January, 1962, that he intended to print a National paper and that the NOI planned to set up their own printing press in Chicago. He said the NOI has outlined plans for their own printing plant, which with the building, lot, and press, would cost around \$240,000.

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FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 5, 1961, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

APPENDIXMUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

On May 19, 1960, a source advised that the Muslim Girls Training (MGT) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) and is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the Fruit of Islam (FOI), which is composed of male members of the NOI, in that the MGT has officers similar to military organizations to whom other female members are accountable. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, and other subjects such as Muslim history and the English language. There also exists a Junior MGT, which is composed of female members of the NOI who are between the ages of 15 and 19 and who are afforded military-type drill.

Since 1957, various officers and "sisters" of the MGT have, at meetings of the MGT, used the term MGT so that it also means General Civilization Class. General Civilization Class refers to classes conducted within the MGT.

The above refers to activities of the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois.

On May 17, 1961, another source advised that the MGT is a group within the NOI which is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the FOI, which is composed of male members of the NOI. In theory, the MGT exists in all Temples of the NOI and is patterned after the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, Chicago. General Civilization Class refers to the collective group of classes held within the MGT.

APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nation-wide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1961, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No.2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nation-wide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
April 6, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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100-6989

Title ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

Reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Chicago. b7C

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication, have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] is an individual who holds a responsible position and who is in a position to furnish reliable information. b2 b7D

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SAC, Chicago (100-35635)

April 26, 1962

Director, FBI (25-330971)

NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Bureau continues to receive information through investigation conducted by Chicago and Phoenix and the sources available to these offices that Elijah Muhammad is engaging in extramarital activities with at least five female members of the Nation of Islam (NOI). This information indicates Muhammad has fathered some children by these women and that his wife, Clara, has become aware of his infidelity which has resulted in domestic strife. Apparently, Muhammad is furnishing financial support to at least some of these women and their children and contemplates a nursery to get his illegitimate children under one roof.

It is noted the NOI teaches a rigid code of moral conduct to rank-and-file members including the strict prohibition against any extramarital relationships. In the past disobedience to this prohibition has brought severe punishment to the offending member by NOI officials.

Additionally, the investigation of the NOI and Muhammad discloses Muhammad has permitted his followers to purchase expensive cars and homes for him; to provide him with bodyguards and servants; and to give him other manifestations of affluence. These luxuries have been obtained at the expense of his followers who are, in the main, extremely poor and who are continually harassed by NOI officials for greater and greater contributions.

These paradoxes in the character of Elijah Muhammad make him extremely vulnerable to criticism by his followers. He wields absolute power in the hegemony of the NOI and any successful attack on his character or reputation might be disastrous to the NOI.

Chicago has advised in the [redacted] information obtained through [redacted] and [redacted] concerning Muhammad's extramarital activity cannot be verified

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- 1 - Chicago (105-6989) (Muhammad)

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RE: NATION OF ISLAM  
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without the cooperation of individuals involved and such contact could jeopardize a highly confidential Bureau investigative technique. It appears though that further study should be given to this matter with the view of instituting a carefully planned campaign to discredit Muhammad in the eyes of his followers.

b2 Chicago and Phoenix are instructed to carefully review the information thus far obtained from [redacted] and any other sources having information bearing on these subjects. After this review consideration should be given to additional investigation to corroborate and verify information furnished by the above-listed sources through other sources so that such information could be used without jeopardizing these highly confidential investigative techniques. Finally, Chicago and Phoenix should make recommendations concerning the use of information thus obtained to discredit Elijah Muhammad with his followers. This could be handled through the use of carefully selected informants planting the seeds of dissension through anonymous letters and/or telephone calls and through other selected actions indicated by the available information. Any such plans, of course, must be approved by the Bureau in advance before any action is taken.

Chicago and Phoenix should promptly conduct this survey and advise the Bureau of the results along with recommendations and views as to the implementation of this program.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The NOI has prospered under Elijah Muhammad's leadership and as a result he has been able to live in an affluent manner by exerting pressure on his followers for heavy contributions. He has, additionally, engaged in extramarital activity which he prohibits to his NOI members under threat of severe punishment. He is the center of power in the NOI and any exposure of his personal life could affect the continued growth of this hate organization. It is believed desirable to have Chicago and Phoenix review available information and make recommendations to implement a plan to expose Muhammad to his followers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 5/2/62

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-5593)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
IS - NOI

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On 4/10/62, [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the following information:

[REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and talked to him about ELIJAH's wife, who needs a birth certificate. In order to get a birth certificate, it is necessary to have the name of his wife's mother, which was MARY EVANS, maiden name MARY THOMAS, and they must prove the birth of Mrs. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The attorney indicated he would wire information to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and hope that an answer would be received quickly since she wants to get out by May 15.

On 4/13/62, an examination of the passport records on file at the U. S. District Clerk, Phoenix, Arizona, was made by SA [REDACTED] but no listing was noted for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD or CLARA MUHAMMAD. On 4/23/62 at the Office of the Clerk of Court, U. S. District Court, Phoenix, employee [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that Mr. and Mrs. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and a tall man (believed to be ALBERT BROWN) were in the Clerk's Office on 4/19/62 inquiring about passports. Mr. MUHAMMAD stated he already had a passport but it was in his personal effects in Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his wife that they must prove their citizenship and it may be easier for them to handle the matter in Chicago which he said was his home. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD spoke as though he planned on leaving Phoenix, Arizona, for Chicago, Illinois, in a week or two and would then be taking their trip about a month later. [REDACTED] spoke of going to Egypt.

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By teletype dated 4/23/62, the Chicago Division was advised by Phoenix of the inquiry made by Mr. and Mrs. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD concerning passports and about their leaving Phoenix, Arizona on 4/21/62 for Chicago, Illinois.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his wife, CLARA, and his secretary BERNIQUE CUSHMERE returned to Phoenix, Arizona on the evening of 4/24/62.

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On 4/25/62, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED] of Atlanta, Ga. was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and ELIJAH commented he would like to see him in person. ELIJAH stated he intended to return to Chicago next weekend and that he would arrange to see [REDACTED] in Chicago on Sunday, the first Sunday in May (5/6/62).

On 4/26/62, an individual from the International Department of the First National Bank in Phoenix, Arizona, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and told him that he had received the call from the First National City Bank in New York and that that bank had sent a cable to Cairo for the correspondent to make the payment. ELIJAH commented he had received a telegram from his son in Cairo on Wednesday morning, 4/25/62. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was told that the payment would be made to his son on the morning of 4/27/62.

The Bureau and Chicago will be advised of any additional pertinent information concerning the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

May 17, 1962

SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

Director, FBI (105-24822) - 108 1 - [REDACTED]

ELIJAH POOLE  
IS - NOI

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Re Phoenix letter 5/2/62.

Relet sets forth information which indicates that subject may accompany his wife, Clara, and son, Herbert, on their visit to Egypt in the near future. Promptly conduct the necessary investigation in order to verify subject's travel plans. Submit pertinent information in form suitable for dissemination.

2 - Phoenix (100-5593)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

On Security Index. Subject is national leader of NOI. State and CIA previously alerted regarding possible travel of subject's wife and son to Egypt in order to visit another son who is studying there. No information received previously regarding subject's possible travel to Egypt.

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UNITED STATE

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

5/23/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Rebulet 5/17/62; Chicago airtel to Director 4/30/62 captioned "HERBERT C. MOHAMMED, aka, SM - NOI"; Phoenix letter dated 5/2/62.

Letterhead memorandum enclosed with referenced airtel set forth information that HERBERT C. MOHAMMED and mother, CLARA MUHAMMAD (wife of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD) were to leave Chicago on 5/3/62 en route to Cairo, Egypt, by air. Available information reflects these individuals are still in Egypt. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is presently at his residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

On April 23, 1962, [REDACTED] Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, Chicago, advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD did not renew his passport at the time HERBERT C. MOHAMMED renewed his passport and ELIJAH's wife, CLARA MUHAMMAD, applied for her passport to to Egypt. MUHAMMAD accompanied CLARA and HERBERT to the Chicago Passport Office at that time.

On May 22, 1962, [REDACTED] was recontacted and advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had not, as of that date, applied for a renewal of his passport.

Confidential sources and informants of the Chicago Office have provided no information indicating ELIJAH MUHAMMAD contemplates touring Egypt in the near future. Chicago will remain alert for information that MUHAMMAD plans a trip to Egypt. In the event such a trip is planned, the Bureau will be appropriately advised. Phoenix should be alert for any positive information indicating MUHAMMAD plans to travel to Egypt and immediately advise Chicago if such is the case in order that the Bureau might appropriately be advised.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

(b2) [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised 6/13/62 that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD would return to Phoenix, Arizona, via American Airlines Flight #67 leaving O'Hare Field, Chicago, 4:45 p.m. Source advised MUHAMMAD arranged to be met in Phoenix upon arrival there at 5:50 p.m., Phoenix time, 6/13/62,

Phoenix aware of above.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 6/19/62

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-5593)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
SIS - NOI

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The following information was made available by  
reliable, on the dates designated:

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b7c A [redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and stated the reason she was contacting him was that she had a job coming up in a couple of weeks and until that time wondered if he could send something to her. He stated no he could not send anything. She said she only had \$2.00 whereupon he said he did not care if she had only 2¢. She said the baby had to have something to eat and he said that it was her own fault because she knew how long she was to go. She asked him if he didn't care about the baby then and he said that he cared nothing about what she was saying because she was the one who didn't care and that was well taken care of for the next three to four months.

5/15/62

An unknown woman (believed to be [redacted]) was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked him if he had received her letter and wondered why he had not responded. ELIJAH said because none was coming - what she was talking about. He said she thought she was trying to play Santa Claus with him. She told him that in her condition if something happened to her she wouldn't have any money to go anywhere. He said she already had enough but she said she had already spent it. He told her she would have to get a description of everything and receipts for everything. When she asked him if he was going to send her something because she hates to go sometimes the way she looks, ELIJAH said there was nothing, not even the hospital

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bill to warrant any such talk as she was giving him. She told him that she had paid up her rent and ELIJAH stated he didn't care about that and said that was in it from the beginning - if hadn't used it up would still have plenty for the other. He asked her if she thought he was a fool. He said it was her own fault that she didn't have anything and that if she had two cents worth of brains, she would ask herself if it was all right before doing something. He said now she would have to get proof of these things. She told him he had better hurry up because she hated to go to his house. He told her to go wherever she wants because it won't do any good. She told him that the way she looks is quite obvious. He said it doesn't make any difference-- that she can't prove she has absolutely put those things in no such place - that was too much. He told her it was six months and then 2½ weeks later she went this - she said she has spent it. He asked her how was there any proof - she had an extra for that from the very beginning. He asked her if he thought he was crazy. She told him she was pulling this sorry act and the least he could do would be to see how she was doing - after all "I'm like this and I hate" it even more than you do". He told her it wasn't the same - but when people try to play others for fools it is absolutely pathetic. She told him that he was trying to make an excuse - you know it's a possibility that I can be like that see. ELIJAH said he was not talking about that - but was talking about what she had said she had already done and that was absolutely impossible. He said "What do you mean impossible, you can spend that in one day." He told her when she knew it was to go so long one would not do it. She asked him why he would give a person so much as that and when one has to have it in their possession for six months - that was silly right there. ELIJAH said to her "Did not you ask for it?" He said wasn't she told where to put it and how to handle it.

The woman told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that every time she went to the bank it was closed so she didn't cash it. He told her it was up to her and that she will never play him such a fool as that. She asked him when he would be back and he said he did not know, whereupon she said he had better make it soon. ELIJAH told her that he had plenty of time for what

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she was talking about - said he has until October for that. The woman told him "Are you kidding?" She said that he would have to give it to her as she isn't going - to a way out hospital. She asked him again if he was going to send it and he said no. She then said that she would call his family and tell his daughter just how he was. ELIJAH stated it was not time for anything like that whereupon she said "I'm going to tell her". The conversation was then terminated.

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# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 6/18/62

FROM :

SAC, PHOENIX (100-5593)

SUBJECT:

ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
IS - NOI

On 5/18/62 [REDACTED] made available the following information:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and an unknown woman (believed to be [REDACTED]) were in conversation and the unknown woman spoke about ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and a girl. She said that "don't tell me you don't - it's a lie - the biggest one I've ever heard." She continued by stating she was not going to have it, and that she was going to have some man's arms around her. She asked ELIJAH MUHAMMAD "Do you want to hurt me like this?" He spoke of her not having a particular fellow. He told her not to talk to him like that whereupon she said all right "but if you try a trick like that again -" The woman terminated the conversation.

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- 2 - Chicago (100-6989) (RM)
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TO SAC CHICAGO (100-35365)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (25-330971)

1 - Belmont  
1 - Sullivan  
1 - Baumgardn  
1 - Bland  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM, IS-NOI.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SA [REDACTED] CHICAGO OFFICE, TO  
SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] AT SOG THIS DATE.

CHICAGO IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT [REDACTED]  
OF THE SECURITY UNIT, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG THE LINES  
REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL. IT IS POSSIBLE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL DESIRE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND  
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THESE INTERVIEWS AND THE INVESTI-  
GATION CONDUCTED BY THE CHICAGO POLICE SHOULD BE FURTHER  
EVALUATED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN EXPLOITING THIS SITUATION. CHICAGO  
SHOULD KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

**NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

SA [redacted] of the Chicago Office telephonically advised SA [redacted] at 1 a. m. as follows.

During the evening of 7-13-62 [redacted] furnished information that two women, [redacted] and [redacted] created a disturbance at Elijah Muhammad's Chicago residence, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue. As a result, Raymond Sharrief (Supreme Captain of the Fruit of Islam, the male, military arm of the Nation of Islam (NOI), and Muhammad's son-in-law) called the local police precinct. The two women had their babies with them and abandoned the children at Muhammad's residence. When the women found out that the police had taken custody of the children they indicated extreme disgust and that they would take further action against Muhammad.

The Chicago Office believes through previous information developed through [redacted] and former [redacted] that Elijah Muhammad, the national leader of the NOI, has fathered children by [redacted] and [redacted]. Chicago feels the above incident can be capitalized on to create dissension in the NOI through exposure of Elijah Muhammad's extramarital activity. Chicago proposes to: (1) contact [redacted] who is in charge of the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, in order to insure that [redacted] is aware of the incident; and (2) indicate to [redacted] the possibility that Muhammad may be the father of the two infants and in this manner the Security Unit can conduct an independent investigation directed toward bringing the incident to public attention and causing a bastardy charge to be filed against Muhammad. Chicago advises [redacted] is reliable and discreet. His Unit has local responsibility to investigate the NOI and this type inquiry would not be unusual for his Unit. Chicago assures this can be done without embarrassment to the Bureau.

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1 - Belmont

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1 - [redacted]

1 - [redacted]

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: NATION OF ISLAM  
25-330971

OBSERVATIONS:

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Information obtained through highly confidential investigative techniques covering Elijah Muhammad has indicated he has fathered children by several of his female followers out of wedlock. We have been attempting to develop corroborating evidence of this which could be used to expose Elijah Muhammad's lack of character to members of the NOI (NOI members are severely punished for engaging in extramarital activities.). This incident indicates at least two of his mistresses are "fed up." Through an investigation by the Chicago Police Department we could bring this matter into the open where exposure of these activities could be made without jeopardizing our highly placed sources. Later [redacted] and [redacted] could be considered for interview to determine how far their disaffection goes. The Chicago Police Department may find it propitious to interview these women and information it obtains could be used to further expose Elijah Muhammad. It should be noted that members of Elijah Muhammad's family, including his wife, are aware of his philandering but apparently can do nothing about it since he is their only source of support.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teletype to Chicago be approved authorizing Chicago to contact [redacted] as requested.

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Mr. Conrad	_____
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URGENT 7-19-62 4-28 PM JLS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /105-24822/ AND SAC, PHOENIX /105-5593/  
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/ 1P  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, IS DASH NOI.

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SAC, Chicago (100-35635)

Director, FBI (25-330971)

NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

July 31, 1962

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - [REDACTED]

ReCGairtel 7/25/62.

Chicago is authorized to prepare and mail an anonymous letter to Clara Muhammad upon her return from Egypt. Chicago is also authorized to prepare and mail similar anonymous letters containing substantially the same information as the letter mailed to Clara Muhammad to the selected individuals listed on page 3 of reairtel. These letters should be mailed to the addresses of these individuals at which they would normally receive mail. The letters, which are to be handwritten on commercially purchased stationery without markings, should follow the sample letter proposed in reairtel. Each letter, however, should contain minor variations so that each will not appear to be an exact copy of the original. These letters should be mailed at staggered intervals using care to prevent any possibility of tracing the mailing back to the FBI.

Chicago should remain alert to any results obtained from this action and keep the Bureau promptly advised.

1 - Chicago (100-6989)(Elijah Muhammad)  
1 - Phoenix (105-93)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 7/30/62, same caption, RJR:cad.

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SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI  
Bufile 105-24822  
Chicago File 100-6989

Re FD-227 (two) captioned separately as above dated  
8/3/62 and Chicago letter to Bureau dated 8/9/62 captioned  
[REDACTED] copies to Bufiles on captioned subjects.

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With regard to the Nation of Islam, the Bureau is aware that the Chicago area is the national headquarters of this organization. Articles appearing regularly in various Negro publications as well as in the NOI paper "Muhammad Speaks" encourage readers to join the NOI and contribute thereto.

[REDACTED]

b7E [REDACTED]

As the Bureau is aware, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the NOI. One step to membership in the NOI consists of an individual requesting "his original name" and submitting a handwritten letter to W. F. MUHAMMAD, 4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois. NOI advertising also encourages readers to send donations to this address.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>gmf</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - NOI</b> <b>b7C</b>	
		APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) ON DATE <b>11/2/82</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 4/6/62, at Chicago.  
Chicago airtels to Director, dated 7/25/62, and 7/17/62, captioned "Nation of Islam; IS-NOI."  
Bureau letter to Chicago, dated 7/31/62, captioned "Nation of Islam; IS-NOI".  
Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 9/6/62, captioned "Nation of Islam; IS-NOI."

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LEADCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Follow and report the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are being disseminated to G-2, ONI, and OSI locally in fulfilling responsibility under the Delimitations Agreement.

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One copy of this report is being furnished Phoenix in view of MUHAMMAD's maintaining a winter residence in that city.

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During July, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which indicates possible past extra-marital activities between MUHAMMAD and those two individuals who are members of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

On July 12, 1962, an individual believed to be [REDACTED] contacted ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and indicated she desired MUHAMMAD to give her money in order to pay her bills. MUHAMMAD told [REDACTED] that he had given her enough money in April to have lasted until October, whereupon [REDACTED] stated he does not allow the other children of his to live on \$300 a month. She added that all she wanted was money to pay rent and obtain food and clothing. MUHAMMAD told [REDACTED] she thought she was trying to blackmail him and therefore he would not speak to her or give her one red cent.

On July 13, 1962, [REDACTED] and ELIJAH again discussed money matters and [REDACTED] indicated she was very upset about not having money to pay bills. She informed MUHAMMAD he must be at her residence by 3:00 or she would come to his place and wait out front until he gives her some money to live on. MUHAMMAD replied that he had other things to do and that it would be impossible for him to meet her demands until later, whereupon [REDACTED] stated she would be "out front" at 3:15 that date.

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Subsequently [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and requested to speak with "him". [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] if he would not let her speak to "him" that [REDACTED] should tell "him" that she was not going to the extreme when she left that baby. She said that from now on she was not protecting "him" in any shape or form and that if he wants trouble, he will get it. She added that she would be back that night or in the morning and that when she comes all the legal experts would be on her side. Later [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that she did not want to disgrace "him" or take him to court, but that she was going to the Juvenile Department to pick up "my baby". She said that she could get all of them, including "him" to come out of the house that night and bear witness because there will be a trial. She added she had been trying to protect "him" and what he did was the dirtiest thing he could do. She said that she had never mentioned his name when talking to the officers. [REDACTED] instructed [REDACTED] to go down and pick up the babies and attempt to contact "him" later.

It is noted that as a result of the above, MUHAMMAD apparently made some kind of an agreement with [REDACTED] as she pushed the matter no further. It is also noted that through discreet liaison with the Security Unit of the Chicago Police Department, that no further action was taken in the above matter on the part of the Juvenile Department of the Chicago Police Department.

The above information could not be completely verified or resolved without the cooperations of the individuals involved and the contact with them could jeopardize a highly confidential Bureau investigative technique. It is believed that the possibility of any of the above individuals cooperating is extremely remote.

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It is noted that no additional pertinent information concerning extra-marital activities on the part of MUHAMMAD has been reported by [REDACTED] during the past several months.

INFORMANTS

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2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

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b7D data reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

he is the National Leader of the NOI. There is no reason to believe he would cooperate if interviewed and any interview with him could conceivably result in adverse publicity, especially in view of his newspaper articles and radio broadcasts.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the National Leader of the NOI.**

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date:

Office: CHICAGO

OCT 5 1962

Field Office File #: 100-8989

Bureau File #: 105-24822

Title: ELIJAH POOLE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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ON 8/25/82

## Synopsis:

ELIJAH POOLE, also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, is National Leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI) which has its National Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, maintains a private apartment at 8205 South Vernon Avenue, Chicago, and also maintains a residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

b2D [REDACTED] MUHAMMAD in his speeches and writings has referred to the white man as a devil and enemy of the black man and has called for unity, independence, and land for the black race which he claims can only be achieved through the NOI. MUHAMMAD writes a weekly column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" which appears in the newspapers "The New Crusader", the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch", and the NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks". MUHAMMAD's messages are broadcast regularly on various radio stations throughout the United States.

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**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized hereinafter.

Fruit of Islam (FOI);  
Muslim Girls Training (MGT);  
Nation of Islam (NOI).

**I. BACKGROUND**

**Residence and Employment**

[REDACTED]

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as of September, 1962, maintained a residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

b2, b7D [REDACTED]

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as of September, 1962, maintained an apartment at Apartment 1, first floor, 8205 South Vernon Avenue.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised on  
September 7, 1962, [REDACTED]  
no information regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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[REDACTED] advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

Information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. This check was made on September 5, 1962.

Criminal Record

Identification Officer [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, and [REDACTED] of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix, advised SA [REDACTED] on September 4, 1962, that records of the Phoenix Police Department and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office contained no arrest record regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reviewed on September 13, 1962, by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] reflected no current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Health

During August and September, 1962, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was under a doctors care for a bronchial condition.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NOI

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Writings

The September 15, 1962, issue of "MS" states thereon that it is a bi-monthly newspaper dedicated to freedom, justice and equality for the so-called Negro and listed its address as 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

The September 15, 1962 issue of "MS", page one, carried an item by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, captioned "Exempt Negroes from Taxes!" The item, in essence, stated that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD called for the exemption from taxes of 20 million Negroes in as much as Negroes are not granted equal justice, equal public rights, equal representation or equal protection under the law with white citizens and should therefore not be forced to pay Income Taxes. The item stated that black slave labor had made America into the richest and most powerful land in the world and for 100 years thereafter, the black man has been allowed to exist only as "free slaves", the victims of the most vicious denials of human justice to be found anywhere in the Western world.

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Page 11, columns one and two of the September 15, 1962, issue of "MS" contained a column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks". That column in substance stated that without some of this earth for a home that the black man could call his own, there would forever be 20 million black slaves at the door of some nation. It stated that "we, the black people of America, should be ashamed of ourselves to go sit in the white businesses to force them to serve us. Let us unite and serve self... We should seek a permanent home for our nation - not by begging others of what is theirs - and stop acting foolish and unite. The white race's days are drawing to a close, their rule over the darker nations must end, according to ALLAH and his prophets. This wicked world must give way to a world for right. Hurry and join unto your own kind. The time of the world is at hand."

The July 31, 1962, issue of "MS", page one and page three, contained an item captioned "What the Muslims Want", by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. That item is set forth as follows:

"The Honorable Elijah Muhammad"

"THE MUSLIM PROGRAM"

"By The Honorable Elijah Muhammad"

"What do the Muslims Want?"

"This is the question asked most frequently by both the whites and the blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

"1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.

"2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.

"3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.



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"4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own, either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years - until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

"Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by white America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

"5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prison. We want freedom for all black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

"We want every black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

"We know that the above plan for the solution of the black and white conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

"6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

"We believe that the Federal Government should intercede to see that black men and women tried in white courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land - or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

"7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities - NOW!

"We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

"8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

"9. We want equal education - but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

"Under such schooling system we believe we will make a better nation of people. The United States government should provide free, all necessary text books and equipment, schools and college buildings. The Muslim teachers shall be left free to teach and train their people in the way of righteousness, decency and self respect.

"10. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hinderance, or suppression.

"These are some of the things that we, the Muslims, want for our people in North America.

**"WHAT THE MUSLIMS BELIEVE"**

"1. WE BELIEVE in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.

"2. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Qura-an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.

"3. WE BELIEVE in the truth of the Bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.

"4. WE BELIEVE in Allah's Prophets and the Scriptures as they brought to the people.

"5. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead - not in physical resurrection - but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection; therefore, they will be resurrected first.

"Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

"6. WE BELIEVE in the judgement; we believe this first judgement will take place, as God revealed, in America....

"7. WE BELIEVE this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called white Americans. We believe the black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master's slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people's names - the black peoples of the earth.

"8. WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality - as a nation - of equals. We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of 'freed slaves.'

"We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

"9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their 'friends'. Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the whites of this nation.

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"If the white people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

"We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 black people as well.

"10. WE BELIEVE that we who declared ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for..

"11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

"12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master E. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited 'Messiah' of the Christians and the 'Mahdi' of the Muslims.

"We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together."

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The column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appeared in issues of the publication "MS" during the period April 1, 1962 to September 15, 1962.

The "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" is a self-described weekly newspaper, published at 1401 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

"The New Crusader" is a self-described weekly newspaper published at 4327 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

During the period between March 15, and August 16, 1962, the column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" on a weekly basis. Typical examples of information contained in that column are as follows:

April 5, 1962, Edition

"Often I am asked, 1. How can we live separately from the white people in the same country? 2. How can we be independent of them? 3. Would the white Americans agree to a separate territory for us in some suitable area where we could go for self and live alone in peace? 4. Would we get along in peace with each other?

"...The first question is very easy to answer. The black and white people, according to history, have always lived separately from each other. They were originally separated by God and the Law of God forbids their intermixing or intermarrying."

The answer to the second question was, "When a people is smart to look and dig the earth and get what she produces, her secret treasures hidden under the surface, along with her warm air and sunshine, that people can be self-supporting as other smart nations are who are independent of each other."

The answer to the third question was, "I do believe the intelligent minds of America would agree to the separation of us into some place, other than trying to continue to make us live with them with the same respect and justice that they enjoy... not to mention the mixing of bloods and the complete care of us. However, they see you and me in honest togetherness on some of this earth, that we can call our own, even with some help as Egypt did for Israel on Israel's departure, they will respect us!"

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The answer to the fourth question is, "I know we would, if our national religion would be Islam; This I am proving to you daily."

May 3, 1962, Edition

"Separation of the two (so-called Negroes and whites) is the only solution to the ever growing problem of what must be done with the Negroes. Both the so-called Negroes and the white slave masters do not seem to want to let go of one another. While the separation of the two races would be an act of wisdom and justice, on the other hand, to force intergration, which means socializing and intermarrying of the two races, would be an act of wislowing up of the so-called Negro race by the slave masters or mongrelizing the two races, will destroy the respect of the society of both - - nationally and internationally. Again, intergration is against the wishes of the intelligent thinking group of both races - - they want to serve their race and the respect of their society."

July 19, 1962, Edition

"...We are dependent on the slave master. We do not have two feet of earth for our people. Remember, that we are numbering over 20 million and we have nothing!.."

"...I am not trying to get you to fight. That is not even necessary, our unity will win the battle. Not one of us will have to raise a sword. Not one gun would need to fire. The great cannon that will be fired is our unity. Our unity is more powerful than any atomic weapon or hydrogen bomb. All we have to do is unite. Our unity is the best. Why are you afraid to unite? Why are you afraid to accept ALLAH and Islam? It is only because the slave master did not teach you of them. We must unite as a nation of people."

During the period between March 17 and September 8, 1962, the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appeared in "The New Crusader" on a weekly basis. Typical examples of information contained in that column are as follows:

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May 26, 1962, Edition

"Three hundred years of servitude slavery under the lash and death. Ninety seven years being so-called 'free slaves' but yet we are under a continuous lash and death of the worst kind. We are not even recognized as human beings. We were brought to disgrace and have lived in shame for centuries; sold as cattle between the devil slave masters, robbed of the knowledge of self and others.

"Our men are always subjected to brutality and death at the hands of the children of the devil slave masters. For 397 years our girls and women have been subjected to the wishes of the devils, our open enemies, murders, lynchers, and burners. She has been placed before the world as the most open, most ignorant and free prostitute of womankind...

"Our murderers, the white devils, and the filthy-minded foreign born of our own people who enter the United States as cheap laborers, colleges and university students forever keep our women's morals destroyed.

"The evil times in which we are now living, the destruction of the white devil's power, should be enough to unite us, the black people of America.

"We live along side of our enemies, the killers, the very murderers of our people, who are free to kill so-called Negroes for even sport!...

"I am asking for total separation into a state or territory to ourselves with enough to start self-government for the next 20-25 years.

"ALLAH desires to repay America for her evils done to us and He raised us up as a dare to the whites. America must know there is a God in Islam and is standing up for the helpless, poor black people in America."

September 8, 1962, Edition

"...There is no such thing as living in peace with white Americans. You and I have tried without success...They know that we, the Muslims, are a powerful people and do not carry arms, but the heartless enemy devils care not for peace. They are created and made to hate peace...

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"It is the right thing that we seek separation and independence for our nation from the evils of an open enemy and not the foolish things ~~other~~ organizations are doing. They want our people integrated into our open enemies, to be destroyed as a people...

"We just cannot compete with them in peace unless we unite and get some of this earth so we can produce our own people's needs. For example, here in Chicago, Illinois, the black man is robbed on the south side of the city through giant cut rate stores owned by the white man, who makes it almost impossible for black people's department stores to survive...

"We must stop being so foolish as to spend our few hard earned dollars with the rich of the land. You who are wealthy or rich among us should help set up independent businesses that your people demand, which would add wealth to the people and also yourselves through lower prices. This would also give employment to our people. But to be successful, we must have some of this earth to produce our people's needs."

Radio Broadcasts

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The September 15, 1962 issue of "MS", page 21, carried a column captioned "Listen to Messenger ELIJAH MUHAMMAD every week on these radio stations." Listed thereon by city, station, time and wave length were 11 stations which broadcast covered various parts of the United States.

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APPENDIX

FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 2, 1962, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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APPENDIXMUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

On May 19, 1960, a source advised that the Muslim Girls Training (MGT) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) and is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the Fruit of Islam (FOI), which is composed of male members of the NOI, in that the MGT has officers similar to military organizations to whom other female members are accountable. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, and other subjects such as Muslim history and the English language. There also exists a Junior MGT, which is composed of female members of the NOI who are between the ages of 15 and 19 and who are afforded military-type drill.

Since 1957, various officers and "sisters" of the MGT have, at meetings of the MGT, used the term MGT so that it also means General Civilization Class. General Civilization Class refers to classes conducted within the MGT.

The above refers to activities of the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois.

On May 2, 1962, another source advised that the MGT is a group within the NOI which is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the FOI, which is composed of male members of the NOI. In theory, the MGT exists in all Temples of the NOI and is patterned after the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, Chicago. General Civilization Class refers to the collective group of classes held within the MGT.

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NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nation-wide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 2, 1962, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nation-wide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

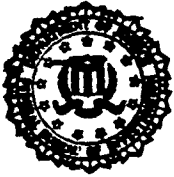
In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
October 5, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title: ELIJAH POOLE

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Reference: is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] who are individuals in a position to furnish reliable information.

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 SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
 IS - NOI

OO: Chicago

- Re Chicago teletype to Phoenix dated 10/18/62.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, BERNIQUE CUSHMEER and ANNA MUHAMMAD arrived at Phoenix, Arizona 5:50 P. M., 10/18/62 American Airlines Flight 67. They proceeded to their residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix.

On 10/18/62, [REDACTED] (Reliable) made available the following information:

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 (1-25-330971)
  - 3 - Chicago (1-100-6989) (RM)  
 (1-100-35635)  
 (1-100-32519)
  - 2 - WFO (100-22829) (RM)  
 (1-100- ) (CLARA MUHAMMAD)
  - 3 - Phoenix (100-5593)  
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Approved: C. J. Boyle

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)  
SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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 reliable, advised 11/12/62 that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD held reservations for himself and a Miss MUHAMMAD on American Air Lines Flight 67 arriving Phoenix 8:25 p.m. from Chicago that date. Phoenix aware of that information through their source.

Above for information of Bureau.

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Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

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FROM :

SAC, PHOENIX (105-93)

SUBJECT:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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On 11/27/62 [redacted], reliable, made available  
the following information:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was talking to [redacted]

[redacted], concerning a house he plans  
on building in Phoenix. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has an extra lot ad-  
jacent to his present residence, 2118 E. Violet Drive. He  
wants a brick house that looks like something and does not  
want anything cheap. ELIJAH spoke of the house being between  
10 to 12 rooms with two or three master bedrooms and private  
baths in each bedroom. He desires a basement<sup>and</sup> for the house  
to have two stories. He wants the bedrooms on the top floors  
and everything else down stairs. ELIJAH spoke of having a  
Polaroid camera and that he would endeavor to locate a house,  
the outside of which he likes, whereupon he would take a picture  
of it. [redacted] spoke of not many two story houses having  
been built in Phoenix during the past ten years. ELIJAH spoke  
of a large master living room that would be ample for a few  
guests so they could discuss business and so forth. He wants  
his new house adjacent to his present house and made so they  
appear to be one house. He commented he had made up his mind  
and feels it is urgent for the nation (NOI) because his present  
house is too small and he cannot accommodate anyone.

[redacted] spoke of taking some 15 days in order  
to draw up the plans and after which the house construction  
could be started in December. ELIJAH stated he would like to  
have the house completed by the first of March, 1963.

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SAC, PHOENIX (105-93)

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On 1/22/63 [redacted] reliable, made available  
the following information:

[redacted] of Boston, Mass., was in contact with  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, asked him how he was feeling and whether he  
had been sick since they went on "that fast". He stated he  
had and that he is now on a fast which may go eight days. He  
stated he received a letter from EVELYN and she said she  
related to [redacted] some of the things that were talked  
about. [redacted] commented she is working part time for  
some of the brothers who have a real estate business. She spoke  
of having sent her new address to ELIJAH and told him the kind  
of letters "you usually send" - send them to the old address  
(her mother's house). He asked if her mother knew about this  
kind of mail and she said they don't know anything about the  
inside. ELIJAH agreed that he would send it to the old address.

[redacted] asked ELIJAH "Did you see the article  
in the Post Magazine?" (apparently referring to article en-  
titled "Black Merchants of Hate" by ALFRED BALK and ALEX HALEY  
in the January 26, 1963 issue of the Saturday Evening Post).

In substance the following comments were made:

Eljah

"As I did - it was by this man who wrote one once  
before - editor (PH) is in Washington. They write -  
and he says - he is kind of with us himself - and  
he says that the FBI put that charge and on our  
saviour - and - in order to try to get our people -  
you know - against - you know - followers. A fool  
would know that nobody could have success - go and  
follow a man like that. Nobody would have success.  
Who in the world - why in the world would

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he look like going standing up praising him - following a dope addict. Who would have the power against it. Do you understand?"

[REDACTED] "Yes Sir"

Klijah

"They charge even the saviour of being even a dope addict."

[REDACTED] "They are doing everything they can - but they aren't doing any good because so far we are doing pretty good at having new people come".

Klijah " That's what I'm talking about. You see the power of God in this work. You throw away everything - tools and everything and stand up to them - the truth. Who do they - you couldn't do it before - and no dope addict could put such a spirit as that in them."

[REDACTED] "New young blood is here - just waking up".

Klijah

b1c "Oh Sister they are all over the country. I am going to sue these people for that. - Just to let the public know how they write - against the truth. - They are the worse one just like Pharoah and his people - they are the ones who hate us the worse. It is the government sister - and not local - but the government hates us - and it's the government Allah came to destroy. So fear not and hold fast to what you have because the showdown will soon be coming - depend upon Allah - you will be the winner".

[REDACTED] asked ELIJAH about WALLACE who stated he is home doing fair but does not have the liberty he used to have since he is on parole. ELIJAH told [REDACTED] he hoped maybe he would see her in two or three weeks - "whenever you make that trip. I hope to be there myself".

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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (120-121)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (120-6964)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; ET AL., FTCA.

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BUREAU FILES FAIL TO REVEAL THAT BUREAU HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NAMED AS A DEFENDANT IN A TORT SUIT BY THE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL AND OTHERS AS A RESULT OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN ARIZONA ON JANUARY TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY TWO. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH THE BUREAU AND CHICAGO OFFICE AN AIRTEL INCORPORATING THE COMPLETE BACKGROUND FOR THE CAPTIONED SUIT, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND THE BASIS FOR INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENDANT. ALSO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC EXTENT AND NATURE OF THE "CONFIDENTIAL" INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY THE USA. FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM PHOENIX, CHICAGO IS INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT AN AIRTEL CONTAINING ITS OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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NOTE: Elijah Muhammad is the head of the Nation of Islam in the U.S. with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. He is on the Security Index of the Chicago Office. Albert Brown was his chauffeur when they had an automobile accident in Pinal County, Arizona 1/25/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-105-24822)

DATE: March 29, 1963

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 100-6989

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka.  
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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/5/62 at Chicago. Chicago letter to WFO dated 3/20/63.

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## LEADS

### CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Referenced letter requested Washington Field to determine if possible the specific use of property allegedly owned by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in Washington, D.C. as set forth in instant report. In that regard information was requested as to the value of the property and as to whether or not it might be used for income purposes. Chicago will report any pertinent information in that regard and in any event the Bureau will be appropriately notified. Chicago will continue to follow and report the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are being disseminated to G-2, ONI and OSI, locally, in fulfilling responsibility under the ~~limitations~~ agreement.

A copy of this report is also being furnished the Phoenix Office in view of MUHAMMAD's maintaining an alternate residence in that city.

It is noted that on April 27, 1962, a suit was filed in United States District Court, Phoenix, Arizona, by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, BASHIE MUHAMMAD, JOYCE MUHAMMAD, ALBERT BROWN and FRANCES BROWN against the United States Government as a result of an automobile collision between MUHAMMAD's 1959 Cadillac driven by his chauffeur, ALBERT BROWN and a Bureau of Indian Affairs bus which allegedly ran through a stop sign on 1/25/62 near Chandler, Arizona. ALBERT BROWN was accompanied by his wife, FRANCES, both NOI members, BASHIE MUHAMMAD, NOI Minister in Phoenix, Arizona, and his wife, JOYCE. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD seeks \$5,200 damages to his automobile only, BASHIE MUHAMMAD \$5,200, JOYCE MUHAMMAD \$55,000, ALBERT BROWN \$57,500 and FRANCES BROWN \$55,000, all for personal injuries. (Bureau file 120-6964, Chicago file 120-495).

No additional specific information has been developed during the past six months from confidential sources indicating that MUHAMMAD is engaged in any extensive extra-marital activities with female members of the NOI. It is noted, however, that on 9/29/62 MUHAMMAD was in contact with OLA HUGHES and inquired as to how her baby was. MUHAMMAD stated at that time that he would contact OLA again soon.

b2 On 2/3/63 [REDACTED] provided information indicating that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in the process of preparing a 50 or 60 page book and that he would attempt to get the book out by the 26th (of February). ELIJAH reportedly remarked

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that he could sell a million copies of his book in one day if they could get them printed and available. He added that the money thus obtained could be used to help build a center in Chicago. The same informant advised on 2/5/63 that arrangements were being made with the Cross Type Setting Company in Chicago for the publication of the above book, and that MUHAMMAD indicated he needed two million or more copies and desired at least one by the 26th of February (Savior's Day). MUHAMMAD stated he would not make a profit on the book but merely wanted to get the truth to the people. He indicated that the book would contain information concerning various speeches he has made in the past. Chicago and Phoenix will be alert for any pertinent information in the above regard.

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5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because \_\_\_\_\_ (state reason) data reported from \_\_\_\_\_ could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. **b2 b7D**
8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not interviewed because (state reason) he is National Leader of the NOI and there is therefore no reason he would cooperate if interviewed. Further, any interview with him could conceivably result in adverse publicity in view of MUHAMMAD's writings and radio broadcasts.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is National Leader of the Nation of Islam.**
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.  
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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

Date: 4-5-63

Field Office File #: 100-6989

Bureau File #: 105-24822

Title:

ELIJAH POOLE

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Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

Synopsis:

ELIJAH POOLE, also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, is National Leader of the Nation of Islam, which maintains National Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, and also maintains a residence at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

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MUHAMMAD in his speeches and writings has referred to the white man as a devil and enemy of the black man and has called for unity, independence and land for the black race which he claims can only be achieved through the NOI. MUHAMMAD writes a weekly column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" which appears in the newspapers "The New Crusader" and the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" as well as the NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks". He also contributes various articles to the publication "Muhammad Speaks". His messages are broadcast regularly on various radio stations throughout the United States.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized hereinafter:

Fruit of Islam (FOI)

Nation of Islam (NOI)

I. BACKGROUND

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on March 12, 1963  
no information identifiable with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

On March 11, 1963 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] no  
current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.



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Criminal Record

On March 12, 1963, [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, and [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, Sheriff's Office, advised SA [REDACTED] that their records contain no current information identifiable with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

b7C On March 15, 1963, a representative of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, advised IC [REDACTED] that records of that bureau contain no current information regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Health

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as of January, 1963, continued to be afflicted with a bronchitis condition.

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During early March, 1963, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD remarked that he was in "pretty good shape" and would be returning to Chicago from Phoenix within 60 to 90 days.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE  
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Writings

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The "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" is a self-described weekly newspaper published at 1401 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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During the period between September 13, 1962 and March 14, 1963, the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" on a weekly basis. Typical examples of information contained are as follows:

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October 4, 1962 Edition, page 8

"Do you say that we cannot unite and produce our own interests? We are 20 million or more people depending on the white American citizens to produce food, clothes, shelter, transportation, employment and our educational trainings. And if the white Americans do not share equally with us, we charge them with discrimination; some of us go to the extreme by disregarding ourselves in trying to force the white American citizen to give equal respect.....

"The white man has made the black man lazy that he may rule and enslave him by producing and selling him that which he can produce himself. But the white man knows that he has destroyed the black man's unity and as long as the black man thinks he cannot love black and unite with black the white man knows that he has a permanent slave. Come and let us unite under the crescent and do something for ourselves in the way of supporting our own needs; go after some of this earth for our nation of 20 million here in North America. If it cannot be had here, there is plenty of earth elsewhere. We want nothing short of a home on this earth that we can call our own -- not servants and slaves for other free nations. Let us capture the market of our people by producing their needs. We cannot produce our needs on the soil of another's."

October 18, 1962 Edition, page 8

"Do not expect your former slave master's children to give you the privileges to do as you desire in his own house. According to the Emancipation Proclamation we as a free people were proclaimed free to go for ourselves; in other words we were on our own to build a nation of our own.....But this we did not do because we were unable to and unqualified in the knowledge of self and how to build a civilization of our own.

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"We the black people in America have to fight against great opposition coming to us from all sides -- the ignorant blacks and the whites, skillful whites who envy our progress of self support. They hate widespread of the truth that Allah has revealed here in the worst part of our planet earth."

November 15, 1962 Edition, page 8

".....I have been teaching for over 31 years what Allah has revealed to me of the truth.....The origin of sin, the origin of murder, the origin of lying, a deception originating with the originators of evil and injustice -- the White Race.

".....They (White Race) are hostile against me and my followers because we are of the Original Black Race who they were created to hate from the very beginning of their existence 6,000 years ago. They were not created to love or respect any member of the darker nations for they are by nature as Almighty Allah has taught me, incapable of loving themselves.....All manner of evil and corruption have come from the White Race."

December 20, 1962 Edition, page 2

"The American so-called Negroes are gravely deceived by the slave master's teachings of God. They do not know they are deceived and earnestly believe they are right regardless as to how vile the White Race may be.

"My poor people are mentally blind, deaf, and dumb and full of fear. Blind because they do not see the light

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of truth after it being shown for over 30 years. Deaf because they will not hear the truth (Islam) that has come to them from Allah through the Messenger (myself). They are dumb because they will not see or open their ears and hearts after the light has shown clear for many years.....The fear put into you was by the white slave masters through tortures, lynchings, burnings, rapings, killings and has caused you to be blind, deaf and dumb.

"America desires to keep us a subjected people. So she therefore wants to stop our birth.....The Birth Control Laws or acts are directed directly at the so-called Negroes and not at the American whites.....They are seeking to destroy our race by the Birth Control Law, just as Pharoah sought to stop Moses' race by killing off all the male babies at birth.....

"Follow me and we will with the help of Allah stop this most wicked sin against our people."

March 7, 1963 Edition, page 8

".....Allah and His Messenger seek separation of our people from our once slave masters and their children that we may enjoy freedom, justice and equality along with the other nations of the earth.

"20 million people must have independence from their open enemies who hope to deceive them with false promises; and if their promises are true, it would mean the doom of both races. There is hardly any hope for the American whites because of her evils done to us, the black nation, even if they do live up to their promises, which they are now offering, the poor, blind, deaf and dumb lost-found members of the Asiatic nation.



".....The poor lost-found black people here in North America must be told the truth of their slave masters and their evil, hateful and murderous children in the south as well as in any part of the United States of America. No justice for us under the American flag -- 400 years is proof enough! Any so-called Negro who thinks so is, indeed, a fool....."

"The New Crusader" is a self-described weekly newspaper published at 4327 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

During the period between September 15, 1962 and March 16, 1963, the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in "The New Crusader" on a weekly basis. Typical examples of information contained in those articles are as follows:

September 22, 1962 Edition, page 11, column 1

"Sincere unity comes from the love of one another and agreement is assured. The lack of unity is the real cause of the existing dissension among the so-called Negroes. There is no love for one another, and this lack of love makes it impossible to unite and agree with each other.

".....Perfect unity is obtained then from likeness and not from unlike. Every kind of life we see in this world is different; everyone unlike, but yet unity is at work only among the alike. We see that the world of mankind is intelligent enough to recognize their own likeness and repel unlikeness. Therefore, they live on a part of this earth alone to themselves -- Black, Brown, Yellow, Red and White. But my poor people who were robbed of the knowledge of self by their slave masters are the only black people who like unlike and hate alike because they have no knowledge of self or kind....."

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They are therefore called blind, deaf and dumb and this is true even if it is offensive and disgraceful to be called such names.

"Love and unity cannot be enjoyed without the knowledge of self and kind. The so-called Negroes should attend the meetings of the Muslims to learn about self and kind as revealed to us by Allah....."

November 3, 1962 Edition, page 15, column 1

"The injustices done the so-called Negroes are a sin before the God of Justice; a sin that the sinner must be punished for. We have suffered at the hand of our masters for over 400 years.

".....The entire Black Nation was put to death (mentally) 6,000 years ago to permit the white race to try at ruling the original black people. This rule has now terminated and the awakening of the original Black Nation from 6,000 years of mental death.

".....Now, something in the way of justice must be done! Without truth the true knowledge of the Black Nation as well as the true knowledge of the white race brings us into the true knowledge of the God of Good and the God of Evil. This knowledge must come to the lost-found black people of this country.....

"Six months from now Islam must be preached in America to the so-called Negroes; Islam is the true religion of God, the religion that brings peace of mind and contentment to the believers and removes fear and grief. This is just the religion that we all need.....

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".....We should and must unite and drop the slave making beliefs of the white race. Hurry and join onto your own kind! The time of this world is at hand! Write to 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, Chicago 15, Illinois, Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah."

December 8, 1962 Edition, page 5, column 1

".....Every black man and woman in the Western Hemisphere regardless of disposition must unite with me under the crescent of Allah and rid ourselves of such evil practices on us by the white race of devils who are merciless and heartless when it comes to us. Expose their evil to all darker peoples of earth....."

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December 22, 1962, Edition,  
Page 5, Column 1

".....Of all the people of earth, none were ever so robbed and mistreated as the American so-called Negroes. Their slave masters robbed them of the knowledge of their native people and country, of their language, of their God, and religion and culture, and of the knowledge of the slave misters; kidnaped from their own homeland and people. They were chained to the white slave master's plantation, who also had a strange language and were a strange people to them.....

".....We are a people whom the white Americans openly oppose equal freedom, justice and equality for us. The poor so-called Negroes even among the best educated are blind and full of fear to speak to seek justice for themselves and people because of the lack of true knowledge of self and their people, and are too proud and love the friendship of their slave masters more than the friendship of Allah and the people of their own flesh and blood.

".....The so-called Negroes have become a nation within a nation but without a home of their own. Allah desires separation of the two races -- so do I, and also a country for the so-called Negroes so they can live together in peace and this is the only solution to peace for the two races."

February 16, 1963, Edition,  
Page 5, Column 1

"The unity of 20 million so-called Negroes up from slavery is the answer to our salvation.

"There is no hope for us in Christianity, it is a religion organized by the enemies (the white race) of the black nation to enslave us to the white race's rule. But our unity under the crescent with our Allah's guidance can get us anything we desire in the way of help and some of this earth that we can call our own."

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March 9, 1963, Edition,  
Page 5, Column 1

"I warn my people, the so-called Negroes, the lost-found people of Allah, that the enemies of God and the righteous, professing to be Christians, have deceived you. And you were brought here over 400 years ago for no other purpose than to be their slaves. And their purpose was to hold you as a prey against the execution of Allah's judgment and destruction of these deceiving devils, who have deceived 90% of the total population of the earth, says Allah to me.

".....To save you from the destruction of these devils, you must know the truth of them and yourself. The truth of them will make you understand them and their tricks they are playing on your night and day.

"You must know that the threatened World War III means the end of the power of the devils or the Christian race as a whole to rule the world. And you must know that Allah (God) has said to me that these reaching, proud, wicked and sporting Americans are on His list as NUMBER ONE to be destroyed FIRST! And you must know whom the symbolical beast is and who the symbolical dragon is who gives the beast power to oppose Allah and the righteous (the Muslims)."

The masthead of "Muhammad Speaks" describes that publication as being published by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 on a bi-weekly basis and as having offices at 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Page 1 of each issue of that publication contains the statement "Dedicated to freedom, justice and equality for the so-called Negro. The earth belongs to Allah."

A review of all issues of "Muhammad Speaks" from October 15, 1962, through March 18, 1963, reflects that page 1 of all those issues contains a page-wide article by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. Listed below by date are the captions of those items by MUHAMMAD. Where pertinent, certain statements

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from the original article are set forth in part. Articles wherein information is set forth containing MUHAMMAD's usual line of writing have not been reported. In addition, all of the above issues contained a separate column captioned "Muhammad Speaks" on the inner pages and of similarity to the columns "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" as set forth in "The New Crusader" and the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch", previously referred to in this report. Further, some of these issues contained small items attributed to MUHAMMAD regarding the manner in which Islamic prayers should be made.

October 15, 1962, Edition,  
"Separation! Independence!"

"With the right understanding and with business unity, we can turn the great flow of millions of dollars that leave black communities and go into the hands of white businessmen back into the pockets of the poor black men and women who would benefit most by it.

".....We must have some of this earth to produce our people's needs.

"It is the right time that we seek separation and independence for our nation from the evils of our open enemies, and not the foolish things other organizations are doing. They want our people integrated into our open enemies, to be destroyed as people.

".....It is far more important to teach separation of the blacks and whites in America than prayer. Teach and train the blacks to do something for self in the way of uniting and seeking a home on this earth that they can call their own!"

October 31, 1962, Edition,  
"The Time for Separation"

November 15, 1962, Edition,  
"A House Doomed to Fall!"

November 30, 1962, Edition,  
"Black Man, Accept Your Own"

".....For God to fulfill his promise to deliver us from our enemies He must go to war against the enemy and break the enemy's power of resistance to free us. War is inevitable. The so-called Negroes must come to the knowledge of truth that they have no future in their enemies, who are the enemies of Almighty God, Allah God must come to put an end to war, and that is to say destroy those who love to make war and delight themselves in making mischief.

"Why should not we accept our own and return to our own? There is no future in this people for us. They have hundreds and thousands of my followers in jails; state and government penitentiaries are falsely accusing many men and putting them under unjust heavy penalties and long terms of imprisonment just because they want to be Muslims".

December 15, 1962, Edition,  
"Fifth Control Death Plan!"

December 30, 1962, Edition,  
"Beware of False Prophets"

January 15, 1963, Edition,  
"Breaking Chains, Forge Unity"

".....The so-called American Negroes have become a nation but without a home of their own. Allah desires separation of the two races -- so do I, and also a country for the so-called Negroes so they can live together in peace. And this is the only solution to peace for the two races."

January 31, 1963, Edition,  
"The Flag of USA and Islam"

".....The great cross is the sign or emblem of the Christian religion. The flag of this country is design for and according to the wishes of those who are called Christians.

**"There is a much broader science or significance when it comes to the flag of Islam. Here, the freedom of Islam is the recognized emblem of both the government and religion while the American freedom, according to their teaching, stands more for the people and their conquering power or bravery than for religion. On the other hand the science of the Islamic flag does not come under the spirit of conquering and bravery.**

**The nature of its science is the greatness of the unlimited wisdom of its Designer; the great source of greatness for all that is under and in the flag of Islam; the freedom, the justice, the equality that is freely exercised by both believer and non-believer under the flag of Islam, which is revealed for the sole purpose to teach the great unlimited source of mercy and love that the Designer has for his creatures.**

**"To lead the American so-called Negroes back into their own religion of Islam, they must know how strong and powerful the religion of Islam is, why they are now under the emblem (cross and flag) of religion of the citizens and owners (White) of the United States of America."**

**February 4, 1963, Edition,  
"We Seek Truth and Justice"**

**"America knows that under her flag we have received nothing but hell, beatings and killings without due process of law, day and night; no only in the past, but the present.**

**"She wants to make some so-called Negroes believe that the religion of Islam can be thrown out the window by turning hypocrites themselves in trying to make democracy work. This is done only to deceive the so-called American Negroes.**

**"But I say to everyone who reads this paper that Islam is here among these black people of America to stay as long as their life is in their bodies. The God of Islam (Allah) is with me and will back me and others who are working here to deliver people from such an evil and merciless race of devils."**



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February 18, 1963, Edition,  
"How to Gain Greater Destiny"

March 4, 1963, Edition,  
"The Unity of 20 Million"

"The unity of 20 million so-called Negroes up from slavery is the answer of our salvation.

"We are suffering untold torture and murder at the hands of our enemy because of the lack of unity. The cause of this lack of unity among us is due to the work and teachings of our enemies, the slave masters' children. Our slave masters' children have returned our chains and continue to be enemies of each other. They have destroyed our love of self and kind; they have educated us to hate and refuse all that goes for black people.

".....Our unity under the crescent with our Allah's guidance can get us anything we desire in the way of help and some of this earth that we can call our own."

March 18, 1963, Edition,  
"Freedom in Unity"

".....The white man has made the black man lazy that he may rule and enslave him by producing and selling him that which he can produce himself. But the white man knows that he has destroyed the black man's unity and as long as the black man thinks he cannot love and unite with black, the white man knows that he has a permanent slave.

"Come and let us unite under the crescent and do something for ourselves in the way of supporting our own needs; go after some of this earth for the nation of 20 million here in North America. If it cannot be had here, there is plenty of earth elsewhere.

"We want nothing short of a home on this earth that we can call our own -- not servants and slaves for other free nations.

"Let us capture the market of our people by producing their needs. We cannot produce our needs on the soil of another's."

In addition to the above, page 3 of the above edition of "Muhammad Speaks" contained an article entitled "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad Tells Why We Must Elect Our Own Candidates". This article reflects in part as follows:

"The Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD this week called upon America's more than 20 million black people to seek freedom through unity and through the judicious use of the ballot box in the coming national elections.

"The renowned Islamic leader stated that honest and adequate political representation for the black people in America was an essential step towards the winning of equal justice for the oppressed and persecuted.

"The so-called Negro in America must elect his own political leaders and his own candidates, Mr. MUHAMMAD said.

"Mr. MUHAMMAD said that the black people in America must elect their own candidate instead of merely existing under those chosen by the descendants of the slave holders who are primarily interested in keeping the slave masters' children in a servant status.

"The movement of the Muslims towards the political front was said to have been occasioned partly by the woeful lack of Negro representation in the nation and by the critical need for courageous champions to oppose and expose the genocidal assaults now leveled at many Negro sections of the population.

"Our future lies in electing our own, Mr. MUHAMMAD said."

#### Statements

During October, 1962, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in connection with information to be obtained concerning a proposed article

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concerning the NOI, to appear in a subsequent edition of the "Saturday Evening Post" remarked that it would be permissible for photographers to photograph the outside of the University of Islam No. 2 and the Temple No. 2 Clothing Shop in Chicago but that no photographers should be permitted inside those establishments. MUHAMMAD indicated, however, that photographs would be permitted of children attending class at the University of Islam but that photographs would not be permitted to be taken inside of MTI No. 2.

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During November, 1963, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in commenting upon what he termed progress being made by the NOI stated that they now have over 120 places started in America, that there were now 34 with numbers and that nearly 30 needed numbers. He added that there were the many small places teaching ten to fifteen persons each.

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Washington, D. C., advised S [REDACTED] on October 4, 1962, that records of that office reflected that the ownership of the property at 1122 Staples Street, N. E., Lot 4, Square 4008, Washington, was transferred to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD from ELMER CARROLL and wife, CARRIE, on June 23, 1962.

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD during January, 1963, indicated he desired to purchase land on East 79th Street in Chicago for the purpose of building an ultra-modern restaurant. The deal for the above property was closed during January, 1963, following the establishment of a corporation composed of JAMES ANDERSON, Secretary, JOHN HASSAN, Trustee, and RAYMOND SHARRIEFF, President, which corporation purchased the property. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD reportedly [REDACTED] told the deal for the property had been closed. The property was not the Temple [REDACTED] restaurant which would be built for [REDACTED] \$100,000.

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Records of the Cook County Recorder's Office, Cook County Building, Chicago, Illinois, reviewed on March 8, 1963, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reflected that a warranty deed dated February 6, 1963, was issued to the Progressive Land Developers, Inc., from MAX and BETTY SHORIWITZ for Lot 25 except the east seven feet thereof, Lots 26 and 27 and the east seven foot section of Lot 28 from Reids Subdivision. Tax stamps on the recording indicated that approximately \$15,950.00 was paid for the property.

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Records of the Cook County Recorder's Office reflected under Certificate of Incorporation Number 72-879 as reviewed on March 8, 1963, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that such certificate was issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, to the Progressive Land Developers, Inc., 2143 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago. The articles of incorporation were filed and the certificate of incorporation was issued on January 28, 1963. RAYMOND SHARRIEFF, JOHN HASSAN and JAMES ANDERSON were listed thereon as the "promoters". The registered agent for the corporation was listed as RAYMOND SHARRIEFF and the purpose of the corporation was "to own, maintain, manage, operate, subdivide and otherwise develop, promote and produce merchandise and deal in real estate and real estate interests, equities and materials and equipment". The value of the property owned by the corporation was listed as \$50,000.00. / Ill. Nation of Islam

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During late February and early March, 1963, it was indicated that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD possessed some type of residential property in Washington, D. C.

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as of February, 1963, had discussed plans with an architect regarding estimates of the cost of erecting a new home in Phoenix. In that connection MUHAMMAD indicated that a \$65,000.00 cost plus an architect's fee was too high.

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The March 18, 1963, issue of "Muhammad Speaks" contained on page 23, columns 3, 4 and 5 the caption "On Nationwide Radio! The Honorable Elijah Muhammad Speaks". Listed therein by city, station time and wave length was weekly broadcasts of MUHAMMAD on which such stations which broadcasts covered various parts of the United States.

## APPENDIX

### FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 2, 1962, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nation-wide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 2, 1962, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nation-wide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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Title	ELIJAH POOLE
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI
Reference	Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] who are persons who hold responsible positions and are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 4/16/63

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
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Rerep of S [redacted] dated 4/5/63 at Chicago,  
WFO letter to Chicago same date and Chicago airtel to WFO  
dated 4/9/63.

Referenced letter stated that on 4/1/63, [redacted]  
[redacted] Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D.C.,  
advised SA [redacted] that the property located at 1122  
Staples Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., is owned by ELIJAH  
MUHAMMAD who took title to the property on 7/23/62. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that a further check of her records indicated  
that this was the only property listed to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Records of the District of Columbia Government,  
Real Estate Assessment and Tax Rolls for the fiscal year  
1963 reviewed on 4/1/63 by SA [redacted] reflected that the  
property at 1122 Staples Street, N.E. was owned by ELIJAH  
MUHAMMAD who resides at 4847 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15,  
Illinois. The record showed that the above property has  
a square footage of 2,888, the land valued at \$1,415.00,  
and the house valued at \$6,200.00, making a total valuation  
for tax purposes of \$7,615.00. These tax rolls failed to  
show any other property listed to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in  
Washington, D.C.

Referenced letter also advised that information  
available to WFO reflects that LUCIOUS BROWN, Minister of  
Muhammad's Mosque No. 4 in Washington, occupies the resi-  
dence at 1122 Staples Street, N.E. Further, available  
information from WFO reflected that renovation work has  
been done on that residence in the recent past.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that CLARA MUHAMMAD, as of 4/7/63, was in Phoenix, Arizona with her husband, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. CLARA and ELIJAH continued to utilize 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, as their permanent residence. Chicago has advised WFO per referenced airtel to discontinue investigation in the above regard but to alert informants as to 1) whether MUHAMMAD's property might be utilized as income property for him or the Nation of Islam, and 2) whether if possible members of MUHAMMAD's family might use part of that property as a temporary residence on occasion.

Chicago is placing this case in a P\* status. Pertinent information regarding the above will be incorporated in the next semi-annual report in this matter. Chicago will continue to follow and report the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.